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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Announcement Date: July 25, 2008

FULL BOARD:

EXECUTIVE SESSION
August 5, 2008
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

REGULAR SESSION
August 6, 2008
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

COMMITTEES:

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE
August 4, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE
August 5, 2008
Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
August 5, 2008
Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: **Resources Bldg.**
15th floor, Room 1506-12
Sacramento, California

POLICY COMMITTEE
August 5, 2008
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: **Resources Bldg.**
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RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
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The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

The Board may take any non-hearing agenda item out of order as time permits and may discuss agenda items scheduled for committees, including legislation. **The Board may act on recommendations by its committees on items listed in their respective agendas, including recommendations for notice of rulemaking.** If you wish to speak on a specific agenda item, please fill out a card provided for this purpose at the sign-in table and hand it to a member of staff prior to the meeting. Those wishing to speak on particular agenda items may do so when they are heard by the Board. The Board reserves the right to solicit additional public comment if the need arises for a particular agenda item.

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BOARD AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

August 5, 2008

Time: 4:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
2. Adjourn to Executive Session

Executive Session: (Closed to the Public) Discussion of Matters Related to Foresters Licensing such as Certifications; Voluntary Relinquishments; and/or Revocations of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications Under Section 11126 (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3) of the Government Code; Employee Evaluation Under 11126 (a)(1); also Discussion of Pending and Potential Litigation Under Section 11126 (e) of the Government Code. (The Executive Session may be reconvened if determined necessary.) **Environmental Protection Information Center and Sierra Club v. California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Does 1-30**, San Francisco County Superior Court; **Campaign to Restore Jackson State Redwood Forest, et al v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, et al**, Mendocino County Superior Court Action no. SCUk CVPT 0289022; **Scott R.J. Feller v. California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Does 1-20**, Del Norte Superior Court Case No. CVPT08-1122; Petition for Reinstatement of Professional Registration, **Case D-306**; Consideration of a Stipulated Agreement for Resolution of Professional Foresters Registration **Case D-308**.

REGULAR SESSION

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3. Reconvene Regular Session
4. Announcement of Actions taken in Executive Session
5. Approval of Minutes from July, 2008.
6. Report of the Chairman.
7. Report of the Director/Department.
8. Report of the United States Forest Service. Jim Pena, Deputy Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry, Region 5

9. Address by California Air Resources Board Chair, Mary Nichols.
10. Update and Discussion the Board's Forestry Sector Report to ARB on the Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in California (AB 32 Scoping Plan).
11. Department Report and Review on the Timberland Conversion Process. Report will cover topics such as lead agency issues and increasing complexities of review.
12. Report of Board's Advisory Committees
 - California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF)- Mark Stanley
 - Range Management Advisory Committee- Jeff Stephens
 - Monitoring Study Group – Pete Cafferata
 - Professional Foresters Examining Committee- Eric Huff

Note: The Executive Officer for Professional Foresters Registration will report on ongoing PFEC matters. **Possible Action Items:** Issuance of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications, Withdrawals, Reinstatements, Voluntary Relinquishments, Suspensions, Revocations, or other Actions.

13. **Action Item: Amend 14 CCR § 1038(i) Exemption.** The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) will consider the adoption of responses to comments, a final statement of reasons, and the final adoption of a regulation to clarify fire hazard reduction treatment standards and eliminate redundant language for this section. Changes are generally non-substantial revisions. The Forest Fire Prevention Exemption exempts persons who conduct timber operations from preparing and submitting Timber Harvest Plans, completion reports, and stocking reports when harvesting trees and other commercial forest products for the purpose of reducing the rate of fire spread, fire duration and intensity, fuel ignitability, and ignition of tree crowns.
14. **Action Item: Amend 14 CCR § 1052.4 Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction, 2008.** The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) will consider the adoption of responses to comments, a final statement of reasons, and the final adoption of regulations for timber harvest practices that reduce wildfire threat and hazardous fuel conditions in the State's private timberlands. The amendments proposed clarify fire hazard reduction treatment standards and eliminate redundant language for this section. Changes are generally non-substantive revisions.
15. Review of the Department's Draft Initial Study/CEQA Checklist for the Draft Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. **Possible Action Item:** The Board may approve the Initial Study and CEQA Checklist, and provide additional direction to the Department.
16. Review of the LaTour Demonstration State Forest Mitigated Negative Declaration and Updated Management Plan. **Possible Action Item:** The Board may certify the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Approve the Updated Management Plan, and provide additional direction to the Department.
17. Review of a Petition for Emergency Rulemaking for Title 14 CCR §§ 916.9.1, 916.9.2, 923.9.2, 936.9.2, and 943.9.2 Regarding "Coho Incidental Take" CalTrout, EPIC and the Sierra Club. **Possible Action Item:** The Board may accept or reject the Petition, in whole or in part, or grant any other relief or action it deems warranted by the petition.
18. Discussion of 14 CCR § 1257(a)(3). This exemption allows for healthy, mature trees (trunks and limbs), that do not present a risk to public safety, to be retained. The proposed exemption was permitted for a limited period, and expires December, 31 2008, and only applied to utilities lines in the State Responsibility Area (SRA). This report is to provide information for the Board's consideration in renewing this regulation.

19. Discussion and Review of the Board's and Fish and Game Commission's Joint Policy for Anadromous Salmonids. **Possible Action Item:** Board may make recommendations on the Joint Policy.
20. Report of Forest Practice, Policy, Management, and Resource Protection Committees.

Note: Committee Chairpersons will report on the outcomes of Committee meetings. The Board may act in response to Committee recommendations. **Possible Action Items:** Recommendations to Board (See Committee Agendas which are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.)

21. Report of the Regulations Coordinator.

Note: The Board's Regulations Coordinator will report on ongoing regulatory matters. The Board may act in response to requests of the Regulations Coordinator on items presented in the report. **Possible Action Items:** Recommendations to Board for Regulatory Actions.

22. Report of Executive Officer.

Note: The Board's Executive Officer will report on ongoing administrative matters, proposed state or federal legislation or programs, or new items coming before the Board. The Board may act in response to requests of the Executive Officer on items presented in the report.

23. Public Forum

Note: Members of the public may address the Board on any topic within its jurisdiction not otherwise on the agenda. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the Board. Please be prepared to summarize comments to three minutes in length, or otherwise at the discretion of the chairman. **Submit your request to address the Board under this item via supplied speaker cards prior to the item being called.**

24. New and Unfinished business

25. Adjournment

COMMITTEE AGENDAS

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE
August 4, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
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1. Threatened or impaired watershed regulations review (T/I rules). Evaluation of Group 4 "Operational Requirements" sections of the T/I rules. Continue evaluations of "Cumulative Impact", "Geographic Scope", "Plan Preparation", "Intent /Goal and Definitions" sections of the T/I rules. Develop alternative rule language.

Note: The Forest Practice Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

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2. Discussion and update of the Threatened or Impaired Watershed literature review.
3. Threatened or impaired watershed regulations review (T/I rules). Evaluation of Group 4 “Operational Requirements” sections of the T/I rules. Continue evaluations of “Cumulative Impact”, “Geographic Scope”, “Plan Preparation”, “Intent /Goal and Definitions” sections of the T/I rules. Develop alternative rule language.
4. Presentation and discussion of Board Counsel’s legal opinion regarding the question of restoration.
5. Department request for possible non-substantive change to 14 CCR 1032. Proposal to change location of Southern Region review from Riverside to Fresno. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to full Board.
6. New and Unfinished Business

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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1. Review of the Department’s Draft Initial Study/CEQA Checklist for the Draft Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. **Possible Action Item:** The Committee may provide a recommendation to the full Board.
2. Discussion of a Modified Timber Harvest Plan (MTHP) Regulatory Proposal for Streamlined Permitting of Landscape Fuel Hazard Reduction.
3. Review of LaTour Demonstration State Forest Mitigated Negative Declaration and Updated Management Plan. **Possible Action Item:** The Committee may provide a recommendation to the full Board.
4. Discussion of the SYP Workshop, and next steps in the review of the SYP regulation.
5. New and Unfinished

Note: The Management Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

POLICY COMMITTEE**August 5, 2008****Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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1. Discussion/update of the Joint Policy for Anadromous Salmonids. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to full Board on adoption.
2. Discussion on the AB 32 Scoping Plan and Board workshop follow-up.
3. Review of NSO regulations, potential development. Discussions on long term solutions for 14 CCR 919.9, 919.10.
4. Discussion and update on legislation of interest to the Board.
5. New and Unfinished Business: Review of potential rules development; Monitoring and Tracking Committee.

Note: The Policy Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**August 5, 2008****Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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1. California Fire Plan update.
2. Update on VTP EIR.
3. Review of Calaveras County's "Fire Safe Regulations". These regulations were certified as meeting or exceeding Board requirements (14 CCR 1270, et. seq.) in 1992.
4. Discussion on exemptions pursuant to 1038 (c): "Fire Safe" exemptions.
5. Review and discussion of the Resource Protection Work Calendar (Fire Emphasis).
6. Review of Legislative Proposals of concern to the Resource Protection Committee
7. New and Unfinished Business.

Note: The Resource Protection Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.